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SUBJECT: PNG AND VANUATU ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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¶1. (SBU) PNG and Vanuatu have agreed with U.S. position on the undesirability of having Iran on the UN Human rights council. On April 28, Ambassador discussed the issue with Sato Kilman, DPM and FM of Vanuatu. Kilman said Vanuatu agreed completely that Iran would be an inappropriate member of the council. On May 1, Ambassador raised our concerns with Rabbie Namaliu, FM of PNG. He noted that Iranian membership would discredit the council even before it began work. Ambassador urged both to send appropriate instructions to their UN Missions. We are hopeful that they will. In the event the instructions don't arrive in time, USUN should feel free to remind the delegations of the sentiment in their respective capitals.

¶2. (SBU) Per ref A, USUN should deal directly with Colin Beck, PermRep of Solomon Islands. Two factions are now vying to assemble coalitions for a government to be decided on May 8. Neither is willing to discuss policy beforehand.

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